

June-July, 2023



Bascom United Methodist Church
"Reaching People with the Love of Christ"
Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30
Sunday School 9:30



The Triune Nature of God and Yes, It Matters

I recently had a conversation via text, after all this is the 21st Century lol, with a high school friend about some theological questions she had. At first, we discussed how she questioned why in her opinion God the Father had abandoned his one and only begotten son on the cross. We debated whether God had indeed abandoned him, or as I believe, God had allowed Jesus to fulfill his mission to save humanity by taking all sins of all people for all time upon himself. I stated that my understanding was that because God is sinless, God the Father had to for just a moment break the connection that had always existed between the three aspects of the Godhead as Jesus' human body died. This led into a brief discussion about the Triune nature of God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. My friend admitted that she "buys into the science too much and sees God as having a multiple personality disorder." While this take is interesting, I kind of doubt that God is as messed up as we humans are. I did recommend that she read the book "Ministry in the Image of God" by Stephen Seamands to try to understand this Holy Mystery a bit better.

Then it hit me. I have never dug into this deeper with you although I touch on God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit each week. So, your pastor has put in his pocket protector, oiled up the slide rule, and is going into full nerd mode lol.

In his book "Knowing the Name of God: A Trinitarian Tapestry of Grace, Faith, and Community," Roderick Leupp has written that many Christians view the Trinity as "a riddle wrapped up inside a puzzle and buried in an enigma." And why is it important anyway? It is important because the doctrine of the Trinity in many ways is the basis for, and grammar of, the Christian faith. Just as grammar provides a set of rules that govern a particular language, a basic understanding of trinitarian doctrine enables us to speak rightly about the God who is revealed in Scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This understanding of the Triune Godhead is what differentiates Christianity from any other religion.

Many of us intuitively have an understanding of the Godhead, but by digging in a little deeper we begin to appreciate the richness and fullness of God. With a deepened understanding of who God is, we begin to be in communion with Him as our hearts are changed and we begin to share in the life of God. "How is that possible?" you may be thinking. When we look at our ministry as Christians, because we are ALL called into ministry when we accepted Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, "we entered the ministry of Jesus Christ, the Son, to the Father, through the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the church and the world." We read in John 17:21 these words that Jesus spoke: "As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us." This reveals that the trinitarian circle of God is not closed, but open as we are invited into the life of the trinity as we continue Jesus' mission of bringing healing and restoration to the world.

And that may be the ultimate reason that an understanding of the Triune nature of God is so critical to being a Christian. The mission of Christ Jesus is not complete and it did not end with his death, resurrection, and ascension. When he returned to his Father in heaven, the mission now became the mission of the church. Each of us have been called to join Jesus in his ministry as he offers himself to others through us. Of course, we do not lose our personal identity in God or actually become divine, but the Holy Spirit does come to dwell in us and we begin to live more Christlike lives.

I know that this just begins to scratch the surface of the Holy Trinity. I have began looking for a more user friendly but equally scripturally sound study on this topic than Reverend Seamands. My goal is to lead a study on it beginning in the late fall. If you have any recommendations on a course on the Triune nature of God, please let me know.

"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'" Matthew 3:16,17 (NIV)

God Bless.....Pastor Dean

Ecumenical Vacation Bible School



The best week of the summer!

New friends – Amazing experiments – Creative games

Super fun snacks – Surprising adventures – Incredible music

Location Bascom United Methodist Church

VBS will last from June 12-16, 2023

Each day's fun begins at 9:30 a.m. (come a little early Monday)

The VBS day ends at Noon (family program Friday at noon)

For more information, call 419-937-2578



Homemade Marshmallow Bald Eagles - Perfect for 4th of July

Prep Time:

25 mins

Cook Time:

5 mins

Total Time:

30 mins

Servings:

12

Yield:

12 eagles

Ingredients

- 1 (12 ounce) package confectioners' coating (such as Wilton® Candy Melts®)
- 12 marshmallows
- 1 (7 ounce) package sweetened flaked coconut
- ¼ cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 12 mint sandwich cookies (such as Oreo®)
- 12 whole cashews

Directions

1. Place white confectioners' coating in the top of a double boiler over simmering water. Stir frequently, scraping down the sides with a rubber spatula to avoid scorching, until chocolate is melted, about 5 minutes.
2. Insert a toothpick into the marshmallows and dip them into the melted white chocolate. Then roll in coconut and place on the mint sandwich cookie. Using kitchen shears, cut a slit and place a cashew where the beak should go. Melt the chocolate chips. Using a toothpick, draw a dot with a line over it on each side of the eagle's head for the eye.

DAD

🔊 /dad/ (N.) - informal.

A special man that is frequently used as an ATM, Chauffeur, Cook, Garbage Man, Handyman, Security Guard, Groundskeeper, Storyteller, Exterminator, Hero, Mentor, Friend.



June-July Events

June 4	Communion Sunday	
June 4	Bascom Memorial Day Parade	2:00 p.m.
June 11	2 nd Informational meeting regarding ongoing disaffiliations	11:30 a.m.
June 12-16	Bascom Ecumenical VBS	9:30 a.m.-Noon
June 16	VBS Family Program and fellowship	12:00 p.m.
June 18	Father's Day	
June 20	Admin. Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
July 1	Men's Breakfast	9:00 a.m.
July 2	Communion Sunday	
July 4	Independence Day	
July 8	Bascom Firefighter's Festival	

Can You Hear That?

An old man decided his old wife was getting hard of hearing. He called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked.

The doctor said he could see her in 2 weeks, and meanwhile, there's a simple, informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the dimensions of the problem.

"Here's what you do. Start about 40 feet away from her, and speak in a normal conversational tone and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

So that evening she's in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room, and he says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

"Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So he moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

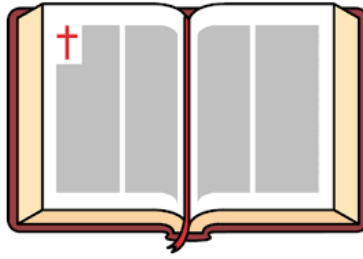
So he moves into the dining room, about 20 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. On to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?"

"For the 5th time, CHICKEN!"



The Lead Discovery Team will be holding a second informational meeting after our worship service on Sunday, June 11th. Their goal is to discuss what they have learned regarding the ongoing disaffiliations within the United Methodist denomination.



Following are the Scriptures that go along with the pastor's sermons for the months of June and July, 2023.

Thursday 1 Jun 2023 ORDINARY 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 Genesis 7 & 8 & 9	Friday 2 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Matthew 28:16-20 Genesis 10 & 11	Saturday 3 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Genesis 1:1-2:4 Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 Matthew 28:16-20	Sunday 4 Jun 2023 TRINITY Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 Matthew 28:16-20 <i>(PM, see next Sunday)</i>			
Monday 5 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Genesis 12 Romans 1	Tuesday 6 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 33 Romans 2	Wednesday 7 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Hosea 5 & 6 & 7 <i>(2 Chronicles 5)</i>	Thursday 8 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 50 Romans 3	Friday 9 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Romans 4 Genesis 13	Saturday 10 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Matthew 9:1-35 Genesis 14	Sunday 11 Jun 2023 PROPER 5(10) { Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12 <i>or</i> Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 } Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13,18-26 <i>(PM, see next Sunday)</i>
Monday 12 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Genesis 15 <i>(2 Chronicles 6)</i>	Tuesday 13 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 33 Genesis 16	Wednesday 14 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Exodus 19 Genesis 17	Thursday 15 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 100 Genesis 18	Friday 16 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Romans 5 Genesis 19	Saturday 17 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Matthew 9:36-10:23 Genesis 20:1-21:7	Sunday 18 Jun 2023 PROPER 6(11) { Genesis 18:1-15,(21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2,12-19 <i>or</i> Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 } Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8,(9-23) <i>(PM, see next Sunday)</i>
Monday 19 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Genesis 21:8-34 <i>(2 Chronicles 7)</i>	Tuesday 20 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 86 <i>(2 Chronicles 8)</i>	Wednesday 21 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Jeremiah 20:7-18 <i>(2 Chronicles 9)</i>	Thursday 22 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 69 <i>(2 Chronicles 10)</i>	Friday 23 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Romans 6:1-11 Zechariah 1	Saturday 24 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Matthew 10:24-39 Zechariah 2	Sunday 25 Jun 2023 PROPER 7(12) { Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10,16-17 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10,(11-15),16-18 } Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39 <i>(PM, see next Sunday)</i>
Monday 26 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Genesis 22 Zechariah 3	Tuesday 27 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 13 Genesis 23	Wednesday 28 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Jeremiah 28 Zechariah 4	Thursday 29 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 89 Zechariah 5	Friday 30 Jun 2023 ORDINARY Romans 6:12-23 Zechariah 6	Saturday 1 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Matthew 10:40-42	Sunday 2 Jul 2023 PROPER 8(13) { Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13

					Zechariah 7	or Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 } Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42 (PM, see next Sunday)
Monday 3 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Genesis 24 Zechariah 8	Tuesday 4 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 45 Song of Solomon 2:3-13	Wednesday 5 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Zechariah 9 & 10 (2 Chronicles 11)	Thursday 6 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 145 Zechariah 11	Friday 7 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Romans 7 Zechariah 12	Saturday 8 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Matthew 11 & 12 Zechariah 13	Sunday 9 Jul 2023 PROPER 9(14) { Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67 Either Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 or Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 } Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19,25-30 (PM, see next Sunday)
Monday 10 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Genesis 25 Zechariah 14	Tuesday 11 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 119:105-112 Genesis 26	Wednesday 12 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Isaiah 55 Genesis 27	Thursday 13 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 65 (2 Chronicles 12)	Friday 14 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Romans 8:1-11 (2 Chronicles 13)	Saturday 15 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Matthew 13:1-23 (2 Chronicles 14)	Sunday 16 Jul 2023 PROPER 10(15) { Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 or Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8),9-13 } Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 (PM, see next Sunday)
Monday 17 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Genesis 28 (2 Chronicles 15)	Tuesday 18 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 139 (2 Chronicles 16)	Wednesday 19 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Isaiah 44:6-23 (2 Chronicles 17)	Thursday 20 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 86 (2 Chronicles 18)	Friday 21 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Romans 8:12-25 (2 Chronicles 19)	Saturday 22 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 (2 Chronicles 20)	Sunday 23 Jul 2023 PROPER 11(16) { Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12,23-24 or Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 } Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 (PM, see next Sunday)
Monday 24 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Genesis 29 (2 Chronicles 21)	Tuesday 25 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 105 Psalm 128 (2 Chronicles 22)	Wednesday 26 Jul 2023 ORDINARY 1 Kings 3:1-15 Genesis 30	Thursday 27 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Psalm 119:129-136 Genesis 31	Friday 28 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Romans 8:26-39 (2 Chronicles 23)	Saturday 29 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Matthew 13:31-35,44-58 (2 Chronicles 24)	Sunday 30 Jul 2023 PROPER 12(17) { Genesis 29:15-28 Either Psalm 105:1-11,45b or Psalm 128 or 1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 } Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 (PM, see next Sunday)
Monday 31 Jul 2023 ORDINARY Genesis 32 (2 Chronicles 25)						



Administrative Board Meeting

April 11, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Dean, Helen Emerine, Don Thallman, Carol Reisner, Mike Prosser, Deb Lutz, Jeanne VanBuskirk, Lori Clay
Not present: Carolyn Thallman, Ed Smith

Pastor Dean opened with prayer.

Regarding the church building, Pastor Dean had nothing to share. He did state that we probably need to get an estimate to reseal the parking lot as it's been about 2 years since we had it sealed. Dean will get a hold of them to get an estimate.

Regarding the floors, we need a champion to coordinate. It was decided we will push this program back to fall, since this will be after VBS and summer humidity. In the meantime, we will ask Tina to mop the fellowship floor as it's looking a bit dingy. When the floor project is completed, we will strip all the floors in the building.

Regarding the disaffiliation, Pastor Dean is going to meet with Marc Quinter from Old Fort on Wed. April 19th for mentoring on how to work the process (ask for feedback on the presentation, etc.)

Regarding feedback from the congregation after our first meeting, it seems most are concerned about the financial part and the building. There seemed to be confusion between options. Pastor Dean shared that a lot of that wasn't discussed as this was just the first meeting, and we will address more details at the coming meetings.

Pastor Dean will address the video on where fire extinguishers and AEP are located and will address prior to next meeting. Don Thallman moved the fire extinguisher from the Narthex to the balcony and will get a new fire extinguisher. He will hang it soon. We will have 1 in the Narthex, and 1 in the balcony.

Pastor Dean will speak to Bob Manz about a presentation for the Kroger cards.

Pastor Dean will be on vacation the week of May 6th. This will allow him more time to devote to Course of Study. He has 2 more classes. will be his last vacation for this fiscal year. Rev. Mike Denman will provide pulpit coverage again.

There were some deep concerns shared after the Easter service about returning to the collection plates, so we will continue to use the wooden church to collect offerings.

Pastor Dean's evaluation needs to be completed by June 1st per Conference, so it was decided that the Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. on May 8th to complete the evaluation with Pastor Dean.

Sandy Earl has requested to hand the prayer chain ministry over to someone else. The Board decided to post the opening of the volunteer ministry in the announcements.

The next meeting will be rescheduled to June 20th at 6:00 p.m. due to VBS being held the week of June 12-16th. Ed Smith will be preparing the Parade Float but will be in Florida during the parade, so we will need someone to pull the trailer. Lori Clay shared that Nick Reinhard stated that he could provide a Park family tractor to pull it.

The church hasn't received a large amount of income from Vanco (the online giving program). Pastor Dean stated that we need to have an online coordinator to be more effective. He stated that we are not reaching people. A name or two was thrown out to check with them to see if they would have any interest serving in that capacity.

Lori Clay gave the Treasurer's report and current balances. Jeannie VanBuskirk motioned to accept the report, Mike Prosser seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Church checking account balance is \$5011.50 and the Vanguard balance is currently \$33,925.73.

A motion was made by Mike Presser to accept last meeting's minutes as they stand, Deb Lutz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

UMW will take care of Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts.

VBS plans are moving forward per Lori Clay, and the supplies order has been placed. Our church donation to Ecumenical VBS was discussed. As we provide the majority of manpower and host the program, it was determined in light of our financial situation, to reduce our yearly donation to the ecumenical fund from \$800 to \$500 per year. Helen Emerine made the motion, Don Thallman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Monday, May 8th will be the evaluation meeting. Next administrative board monthly meeting will be June 20th at 6:00 p.m. Mike Prosser motioned to adjourn the meeting and ended the meeting with prayer.

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